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1. (Confidential - JMM) Met with Senator George McGovern and Mr. John Holum, of the Senator's staff, in response to the Senator's letter to the Director of 13 April 1971 inquiring about possible Agency knowledge of or indirect involvement in drug traffic in Southeast Asia. (See Memo for Record for details.)

2. (Confidential - GLC) Victor Zafra, OMB, called and gave clearance on our sending our proposed letter on S.1438 to Senator Ervin. Zafra said they would have preferred to wait until the Civil Service Commission testifies before the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee on similar legislation, but he said OMB appreciated our desire to set the record straight with Senator Ervin. He said if significant changes are made the Administration could conceivably approve it. On the other hand, it was also quite possible they would seriously consider a veto if such changes are not made. He asked that we eliminate the "advice" sentence of our letter.

3. (Secret - GLC) Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, called to say General Bruce Holloway, Commander of the Strategic Air Command, will be briefing the Committee tomorrow and asked if one of our "top men" could come up and give Chairman Stennis and him a briefing on the threat at 9:30 tomorrow morning. I called later and advised Mr. Maury and Mr. Bruce Clarke would be there at 9:30 a.m.

4. (Internal Use Only - LLM) In an effort to close out her inquiry last week (see Journal of 26 April), called Miss Rosalind Hoffman, in the office of Representative Robert Drinan, and referred her to House Government Operations Committee reports on the use of polygraphs by the Federal Government. This appeared to satisfy her immediate interest. (The reference to the Committee reports was based upon advice of Messrs. [REDACTED] and Osborne, Security.)

Miss Hoffman then asked about the Agency position on Representative Bob Wilson's and Senator Sam Ervin's bills relating to the constitutional rights of employees (H. R. 7199 and S.1438). I told her that in past Congresses the Agency had made its views known to the committees having jurisdiction over this proposed legislation with respect to the need for exemption.

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5. (Secret - JGO) I talked to Mr. Ralph Burr, Legislative Reference staff, OMB, in response to OMB's request for views on the State Department proposed draft bill "To provide for the establishment of an American Council for Private International Communications, Incorporated, to grant support to the activities of private American organizations engaged in the field of communication with foreign peoples." I told Mr. Burr that the Agency supports generally the proposed legislation. I also outlined for him a prime consideration that the legislation protects the private as opposed to governmental nature of the Radios. Mr. Burr thanked me for the call.

6. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. Earl Morgan, House Armed Services Committee staff, and completed the necessary security documentation for exposure to compartmented project information.

7. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. Garner J. Cline, Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee staff, House Judiciary Committee, who told me that he and his wife attended the Lenin Anniversary party at the Soviet Embassy last Thursday. It was a rather dull evening. A couple of films were shown, the drinks were stingy, and there was none of the usual "double-teaming" by members of the Embassy staff. I thanked Mr. Cline for the report.

Mr. Cline also told me that a new member has been added to the staff, Arthur Endres, a very competent young man who has been some two years with the Library of Congress. He told me that Mr. Endres will be working in all areas of Committee interest and that he will have access to the classified reports from the Executive agencies on private bills and will be working on private bills from time to time. Mr. Endres has had "a normal employee FBI check" which is as far as the Committee goes with regard to security clearances. No further security clearance is requested by the Committee. I told Mr. Cline that I would relay this information and be back in touch with him. I also discussed S. 629, a bill for the relief of Chen-Pai Miao. As an initial reaction, Mr. Cline indicated that the chances of getting a bill for the relief of a Chinese employee of USIA through the House Committee this session is absolutely nil. After some discussion he agreed, however, that he would review the case with me after I have had a chance to work up a presentation for the House Committee. The point that Mr. Miao is no longer employed by USIA and that he has completed five years' residence seemed to have some weight in the discussion for possible consideration for the bill.

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8. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. Arthur Kuhl, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, and delivered to him a blind memorandum response to questions concerning North Vietnamese manpower and casualties raised by Senator Symington (D., Mo.) during the Director's briefing of 23 March. Mr. Kuhl told me that he would follow the agreed procedure and notify Symington's office that the paper is available in the Committee room for his review. After reasonable time the paper will be returned to the Agency for inclusion in the transcript of the 23 March briefing. Mr. Kuhl requested that I complete the normal security arrangements with the reporting firm of Ward and Paul for the Director's briefing of the Church Subcommittee on 5 May and confirm the arrangements with Pat Holt when they are completed.

9. (Internal Use Only - JGO) I called Mr. Kendrick Bellows, of the Dactylog Company, in response to his call of last Friday and told him that analysis of the Company's system for positive personal identification is still in process. Preliminary review has not generated any special Agency interest. I told him that the analysis is continuing and that we would advise him when it is completed. See Journal of 11 March 1971.

10. (Internal Use Only PLC) I discussed with Mrs. Delle Terry, member of the staff of Senator Packwood (R., Ore.), a letter from a constituent who expressed concern that CIA and FBI might have information as to his activities with minority and peace groups and other causes. Mrs. Terry understood that this involved internal security and was the sole responsibility of the FBI.

11. (Internal Use Only - PLC) I discussed with Miss Betty Lou Sisson, member of the staff of Senator Tunney (D., Calif.), a suggested reply to a letter from a constituent who noted with concern charges against CIA, including attempts to assassinate Castro. Miss Sisson stated she would prepare the response along the general lines of our suggested reply.

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